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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF  
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(c))**

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Petitioner requests acceptance of the third and final maintenance fee due in this patent and reinstatement of the patent.

The third and final maintenance fee payment in the amount of \$2,365 was submitted on December 28, 2011, along with a petition to accept delayed payment on the grounds that the delay was unavoidable, and the surcharge fee of \$700. That petition was dismissed. Those fees have not been refunded.

Petitioner is submitting herewith a petition on the grounds that delay was unintentional. Petitioner requests that the maintenance fee payment of \$2,365 previously submitted be accepted and that the unavoidable delay surcharge fee of \$700 previously paid be applied to the unintentional delay surcharge fee of \$1,640, leaving a surcharge balance due in the amount of \$940 for the current petition. Payment of \$940 is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis H. Lambert  
Petitioner and attorney for patentee

Enclosures: Form PTO/SB/66; check in amount of \$940.

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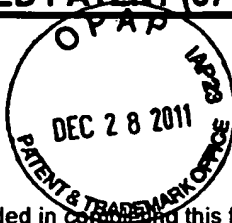
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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF  
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## 2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

## 3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 2,365

## 4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) of \$ 700 (Fee Code 1557) must be paid as a condition of accepting unavoidably delayed payment of the maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 700

## 5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

- ☒ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ 3,065
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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